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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joint Topographical Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Method and Cost of reproducing JANIS

REFERENCE: J.T.S. 78

1. On 1 February 1947, the Government Printing Office withdrew the waiver permitting JANIS to be commercially printed.

2. Since 1 September 1946, JANIS has been reproduced by offset printing from a master copy typed on IBM proportional spacing typewriters, using justified right margin. This method was adopted as the nearest approximation to letterpress printing that would offer a considerable saving in cost. The finished product is a satisfactory alternative to letterpress printing, but experience with Electromatic composition used during the past five months has been disappointing because:

a) The make-up and proof reading that this method entails is more arduous than in linotype composition and requires more time of the small JANIS staff.

b) Under present contracts as interpreted by contracting firms, there has been little or no saving over costs of producing JANIS by letterpress, and present costs are in excess of estimates by Government Printing Office and by the Superior Typesetting Co. for reproducing JANIS by linotype composition and offset printing.

3. The GPO recommends the use of offset printing from linotype copy for text and IBM typed copy for tabular matter. JANIS 71 will be reproduced by this method.

4. Estimates of cost of printing and binding of JANIS on basis of increased costs effective 1 January 1947 are shown in Appendix "A".

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that if the cost of offset printing from linotype copy proves too expensive, JISPB be authorized to establish

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a composition unit to prepare JANIS copy for offset printing by GPO. This would require the addition of 6 IBM proportional spacing Electromatic typewriters, 1 small hand printing press and type for use in headings, and an addition of 6 IBM operators (CAF-5), and 1 supervisor (CAF-6). Cost of reproducing 6 JANIS per year would be \$160,000 to \$198,000 if salaries of these additional personnel are included; cost of printing, including \$75,000 for map printing would be \$142,000 to \$179,000.

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